

Additional Local.

Van Buren County Stalwarts.

Hiram K. Wells, our present County Treasurer, was born in McHenry Co. Ill. in 1818. His father was a farmer, but when this son was nine years old, he moved his family to South Haven, Michigan, and engaged in the lumber business at a time when the Haven bore little resemblance to the prosperous village it has since become. Mr. Wells relates how his father and a few other early settlers who were desirous of sending their children to school, united their efforts and built the first school-house, a little log cabin on the bank of the lake near the present site of Lyman Monroe's fine residence. Here he gained the first rudiments of an education, alternating the shakings he received from the teacher with no less violent ones inflicted by the ague so common at that time.

When Hiram was thirteen years old, his father again moved, this time to Arlington township where he settled in the midst of the woods and cleared up a farm, four lusty boys and as many girls growing up to make the surrounding woods resound with their shouts. The subject of our sketch worked with his brothers on the farm summers and attended the district school winters, finding time to chop many a cord of wood, thus developing the stout muscles and hardy frame that were to stand him in good stead later on; for July 12, 1863, saw him don a soldier's uniform and take his place in the ranks of Co. C., 3d Mich. cavalry, with which company he rode some 13,000 miles before he was mustered out at San Antonio, Texas, in March, 1866. During this period, his regiment campaigned through Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, making frequent raids into the enemy's country, keeping open communications between the various parts of our forces, fighting guerrillas and bush-whackers, undertaking perilous scouting expeditions, in fact performing the numberless duties necessary to the advance of large bodies of troops, the kind of duties that often-times require even more valor than does some dashing charge wherein each man may win a promotion for his prowess.

Mr. Wells participated in numerous sharp cavalry engagements, the most memorable being that at Ripley, Mississippi, where 150 of his regiment dismounted and held about 7,000 rebels under Gen. Forrest in check for two hours, until the arrival of reinforcements, the confederates feeling assured that their bold demeanor indicated an ambush and so not daring to advance. He also relates some thrilling experiences when on advance guard duty, stories which make one realize how many privations were endured by the men who risked their lives for the preservation of the Union. When the war was over, Mr. Wells came home and settled on the old homestead in Arlington, to which he brought his bride in 1868, remaining there until 1872, when he went to Bangor and for three years was in the employ of the Furnace Co. there. Then he moved onto the farm near Arlington Center still owned by him, and continued to reside there until his election to his present office in the fall of 1889.

Previous to coming here, he was town clerk of Arlington for three years and supervisor for six, so that his business ability had been fully demonstrated, and his re-nomination by acclamation is proof of the confidence felt by his party that the funds of Van Buren Co. could be safely trusted in the hands of honest County Treasurer Wells.

The present Prosecuting Attorney of Van Buren Co., Lincoln H. Titus, is one of those self-made men peculiar to America. He began life in Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Maine, August 17, 1860, as the son of a poor farmer who, though anxious for his son to procure an education, was yet able to furnish him but little assistance. Accordingly, the ambitious son was compelled to economize in every possible way while attending the village academy, from which he graduated at the early age of fifteen. Then, by dint of some small earnings of his own and the little aid his father could render, he succeeded in completing the course at Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, in April, 1879, though the memory of those days recalls many trying experiences connected with the "bachelor's hall" and other economical shifts to which he was obliged to resort.

However, with the coveted parchment in his possession, he came to Michigan the following July, burning with eagerness to utilize his recently completed education; but the same old stumbling block, the requisite funds, again confronted him, and he spent the summer and fall in Keeler, working as a common farm hand, in the winter teaching a district school near Hartford and the next summer again working on the farm. In the winter of 1881 he made one step higher and taught the public school at Keeler, in the summer using some of his carefully hoarded savings for the gratification of "the old folks at home," by making them a visit. That winter he again taught school in Hartford township, within which time sly Cupid made him captive and in the spring of 1882 he took unto himself an helpmeet, returning once more to his father's roof-tree. Here for two summers he labored on the farm, spending the intervening winter in a law-office. In the fall of 1883 he again came to Hartford, teaching that winter and reading as much law as possible, next spring going into the law office of G. W. Merriam, where he used his time to such good account as to gain admission to the Van Buren Co. bar in the fall of 1884. That winter the need of his little family made it necessary for him again to wield the pedagogic's rule, but in the spring he at last opened a law office, during the next six years extending his practice sufficiently to acquire the experience and reputation which, in the fall of 1891, secured for him the appointment as prosecutor, to fill the vacancy caused by E. R. Annable's resignation.

Thus briefly we have out-lined the struggles of a young man to win, by his own efforts, a higher round on the ladder of life; and the perseverance it discloses, together with his well known integrity, his genial, manly nature, and zeal and success in the prosecution of his duties since his appointment, are sufficient guarantee that the Republicans made no mistake in placing the name of Mr. Titus on their ticket for Prosecuting Attorney.

Harley E. Squier, the son of a Cass Co. farmer, was born September 20, 1861,

spending the first six years of his existence amid the healthful scenes of a rural life.

In 1867 his parents removed to Decatur and he was a studious pupil in the public schools there until sixteen years of age, going to Breedsville two years later to take charge of the Hinkley State Company. Although so young, he still showed such good business ability as to hold this position for three years, then returning to Decatur to take charge of the home-office of the State Co. His success in this direction was further demonstrated in Jan. 1884, when he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Company, but the following summer he resigned this position to accept that of cashier in the Decatur National Bank. Three years later he married a daughter of A. S. Brown at Breedsville, removing thither and taking charge of large farming interests there.

Personally we are unacquainted with Mr. Squier, but his reputation is that of an alert, capable business man, and a popular and patriotic citizen, while that he is one who thinks for himself and has the stamina to assert his convictions, is well proven; for, though reared amid relatives of the strongest Democratic proclivities, he yet cast his first vote, as also every succeeding one, for the Republican party. Thus, not one of our nominees has better earned the right to be ranked among our Van Buren Co. stalwarts, and his election this fall would gain a capable and worthy successor to our present efficient County Clerk.

Cholera Preventive.

We have received a copy of the proceedings of the Michigan State Board of Health at their recent meeting in Lansing and find that their work during the last quarter was mainly in the direction of preventing the introduction of cholera.

Secretary Baker in his report adverted to the prevalent feeling that the danger of this scourge is past, but gave it as his opinion that it was in nowise lessened except by the decreased number of immigrants. He further said that he believed there was great danger not only from the immigrants and baggage coming from ports known to be infected, but also by baggage in some way infected, although brought in by immigrants not sick, in uninfected vessels, and from uninfected ports.

Desiring to know the views of prominent and neighboring sanitary officials, Mr. Baker some time ago sent out a circular letter and found, from the general tenor of letters and telegrams received in response, that they were almost entirely in accord with his views on this point.

After the reading of his report, a thorough discussion resulted in the adoption of the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That the quarantine orders and rules of the Michigan State Board of Health heretofore issued, including the published requirements formulated by the executive committee of the Board, be continued, and that they be extended so as to apply to all immigrants entering Michigan; and that the executive committee be continued, with power to act.

It takes time to organize an efficient system of inspection and disinfection; unexpected difficulties are to be met and overcome. One surprise to the State Board of Health was the opposition to its published rules by the Detroit Board of Health. However, it seems now that the inspection and disinfection are proceeding quite satisfactorily; the United States Inspectors are working in harmony with the State Board's rules, the Customs Officers co-operate, the railroad companies supply the steam for disinfection, and their officers and employees give substantial aid. The spirit of the railroad companies is well shown by a letter from the District Passenger Agent, C. Sheeby, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., at Detroit, as follows: "This company is perfectly satisfied with the arrangements that were made here for the passing of immigrants. We have carried out as best we could all the recommendations and suggestions made by yourself and the Hon. Mr. Wells, when you were in Detroit and Windsor. If there is anything that we can do or have done to aid or assist your Board in carrying out your rules and regulations, we will make every effort in our power to comply with your wishes and instructions."

Before adjourning, the Board appointed a committee to memorialize the President of the United States for a more effective health organization for the United States.

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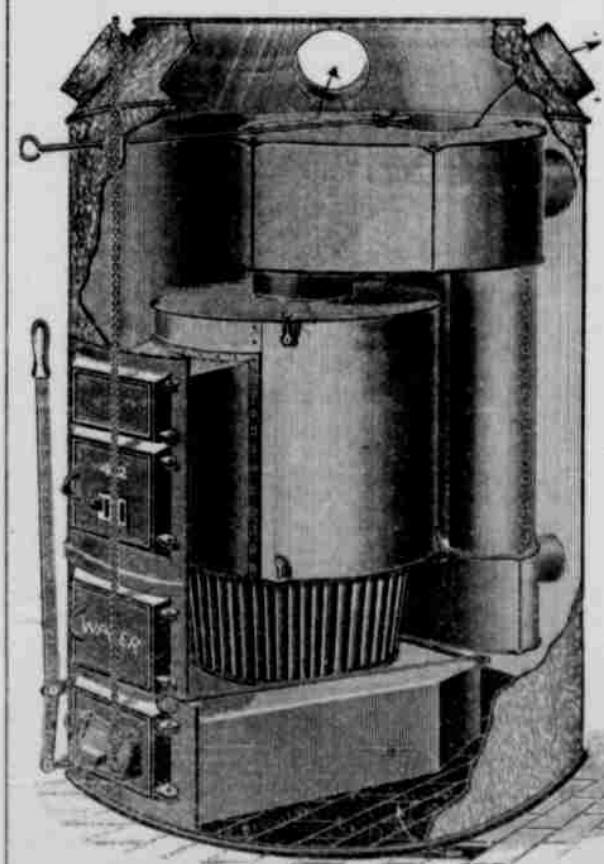
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